POLIPODIUM fontanum.

Sp. Plan. 1550. *Flo. Ang.* 456.

TAB. XXI.

FOUNTAIN POLIPODY.

THE firſt leaves three or four inches long, lance-ſhaped, narrow at the top; rib ſmooth, naked about an inch from the root, and of a pale green colour, of an hard and dry ſubſtance.

Second leaves twelve or fifteen pairs, alternate, of an oval figure, broad at the baſe, and bluntly pointed.

Lobes three or four pairs, oppoſite, divided down to the nerve, of a roundiſh figure, and crenated with three or four dents, flowing together at the extremity of the ſecond leaf.

Seed veſſels make their firſt appearance in ſmall dots on the back of the lobes; when they burſt, they flow together and overſpread the whole diſk. Dr. Hill, in his Flora Britannica, page 530, tab. 3, gives a bad figure of this plant for the Acroſtichum Ilvenſe.

Fountain